



Committee of the Whole Meeting – Aug. 1, 2022 Staff Responses to Council Questions

Before each Committee of the Whole or City Council meeting, questions that have been posed by the City Council relating to [the agenda](#) for that evening will be posted to the City's website. Below are the responses to this week's questions.

3. Items of Business

c. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Twenty-Three Sets of Firefighting "Turnout" Gear in the Amount of \$61,580 Through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Group.

Q: What is the required number of sets of turnout gear?

A: The Geneva Fire Department maintains an inventory of approximately 120 sets of turnout gear (50% primary and 50% backup). Two sets for all personnel (career and paid-on-call).

Q: Is the replacement of turnout gear based solely on the timeframe and not on the amount of use?

A: The primary gear set is used for five years and then it moves to backup status. Gear in backup status is used only when the primary gear is out of service for cleaning or repair. Either set of gear will be removed from service early if there are signs of premature wear based on annual and after-use inspections.

Q: What method does Geneva use to test the gear?

A: The Geneva Fire Department follows the National Fire Protection Association 1851: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting. Included in this standard are guidelines for cleaning, repair and inspection procedures.

Q: Are sets being retired much earlier than the 10-year allowable life?

A: Rarely is a set of turnout gear retired before the 10-year mark. The only cases in which this is done are if the gear has been damaged beyond repair or if they have been exposed to high heat conditions.

e. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Display of Directional Signage on City Utility Poles Within the Geneva Drive Right-of-Way for Lineage Logistics at 2088 Geneva Drive.

Q: Is Lineage the highest industrial taxpayer as opposed to the highest taxpayer as stated?

A: Yes, Lineage is the highest industrial taxpayer in Geneva and the fourth highest overall. Should this item be recommended for approval the agenda summary will be revised before the City Council meeting.